

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—May I have a little clarification with regard to the amount spent? As indicated in clause (b), it is 683, 683 and 718 acres for which a sum of Rs. 5,50,000 is said to have been spent. If they are compared with the other two divisions there seems to be wide disparity. May I have a little clarification?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—I said that the plantation expenditure was different from development expenditure. In the Northern Division of South Kanara, the expenditure of Rs. 5,50,000 is much more than what is spent in other divisions, because there is the railway line from Alnawar to Dandeli in the Northern Division. The railway belongs to the Forest Department and it is not with the Central Government. So, out of Rs. 5,50,000, the expenditure on that railway was Rs. 2,90,000.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Will the Government consider the extent of the railway to the other areas also?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—That question does not arise now. That railway has been there since a long time.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—May I know from the Government whether they are strictly following the policy regarding the scientific development, conservation and exploitation of the forest resources in almost all the divisions of the State?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That does not arise out of this question. Next question.

Construction of District Board High School in Srirampura village in Hosadurga Taluk.

***Q.—247. Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA (Hosadurga).—**

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has issued notice to the people of Sreeramapura village, Hosadurga Taluk, to credit Rs. 30,000 towards construction of District Board High School building;

(b) whether this policy applies to rural parts only?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (a) above.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Supplementary to (a): Is it a correct reply?

†Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Yes, in the sense that the Government have not issued any orders.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the Deputy Commissioner of Chitradurga District has issued a notice to the people of Sreerampura Village to remit their building contribution?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It is not the Deputy Commissioner but the Tahsildar who has issued the notice. Originally, when the school was sanctioned, the District Board was asked to pay Rs. 33,000 towards half the cost of the construction of the building but when the estimate went up to Rs. 63,200 the District Board was unable to deposit 50 per cent of it. Therefore, the Advisory Committee passed a resolution saying that the people of the place must contribute Rs. 2,000. The Tahsildar was informed and he has issued it saying that it is an order.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Have the villagers deposited Rs. 14,000 towards the cost of the building and the rest was given by the District Board? Since the District Board is not existing, is it possible for the villagers to pay the entire amount?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It may or may not be possible for them. It depends upon the economic status of the people in that locality.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—As the people are not capable of remitting the rest of the amount, will the Government consider that at least a cheap design building is constructed with the amount deposited by the villagers?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I cannot say off hand whether it will be possible. It is left to the Taluk Boards when they are formed.